

thorough study of specified poems rather than to attempt the general consideration of English literature as a whole. The programme is an attractive one, and its fulfilment will doubtless add much to the usefulness of the University.

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THE UNDERGRADUATES' DAY.—In the University of Adelaide, as in older seats of learning, Commemoration Day is made the occasion for a noisy display of fun, as it is called, on the part of the undergraduates. This year, it seems, the set programme took the form of an exceptionally rowdy exhibition, which, to say the least, was for the most part senseless and unseemly, especially when those participating in it are supposed to be exemplary in their conduct by reason of the higher education which they enjoy. At the commemoration held in the University library on Wednesday afternoon the students' programme opened some time prior to the entrance of the Chancellor and the long procession of members of the University. Personal and playful remarks were made by the students in the far end of the hall, and the audience were favoured with various tunes with the aid of a piano, but very little notice was taken of these proceedings because they are usual at such gatherings. It was only when the students ignored their finer feelings and persisted in their interruptions of the business of the afternoon that they lost the sympathy and perhaps the respect of the visitors. Among the musical contributions was an imitation of the "Dead March" in "Saul," the drum passages being rather dextrously produced by some one beating a form, while the exhibition of a skull and crossbones added to the effect. "Three cheers for the Chancellor" were loudly given as the head of the University entered. When all were seated fully ten minutes elapsed before the arrival of the viceregal party. Quiet reigned everywhere except in the students' corner. In the midst of the hymn and song singing the National Anthem was sounded, and most of the audience rose, but only to sit down again immediately they discovered that they had been fooled by the boys, who laughed heartily at the joke, for the Governor was not yet in sight. When His Excellency did enter, however, punctually at the appointed time, no portion of the audience extended a more hearty greeting than the undergraduates. A good deal of singing and whistling and laughing continued throughout the afternoon. When the Deans of the various faculties presented the candidates they were unable to proceed with their presentation, in consequence of the musical talent which could be heard, and so the Chancellor and the Dean for the time being were compelled to wait until the unseemly interruption subsided. "Good old Jeff has gone to rest" was the welcome to the Rev. Dr. Jefferis, who accepted the fun in good part. The National Anthem was sung when Sir Fowell Buxton was presented, while

the advance of Bishop Harmer to the Chancellor was a signal for the leader of the students to announce, "Now, boys, let's have a little of the 'Alabama coon.' But the Chancellor interposed. He was sure no undergraduate would be so discourteous as to interrupt him in the execution of his duty. The students laughed, but after such a warning they refrained from singing. "Oh, where, and oh, where, is my Highland laddie gone?" were the words of welcome to Professor Mitchell, and "Drink it down" to Mr. Conybeare, a member of the Governor's household, who was also admitted. Professor Mitchell was interrupted four times in the course of his address by alarum clocks, which had been secreted and surreptitiously set, ringing in different parts of the building. "That gentleman must know," said the Pro-

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fessor, "that that style of competition is too strong for me." The Registrar hurriedly vacated his seat at the sound of one of the alarums but he was as wise as ever as to the exact locality of the disturbing element. The students enjoyed the fun, and were alone in their enjoyment. Before the proceedings closed the Chancellor thanked the students for their assistance. He had been in the habit of telling his friends that the students of this University were ladies and gentlemen, and that he was proud of them. "Sarcasm" suggested some one in more than a whisper. But the Chancellor now felt it was due to the students to tell the ladies and gentlemen whom he had invited that he was quite sure the great body of the University students were ashamed of the interruptions occasioned by the alarum-clocks, and that they did not think it was humorous or gentlemanly to interrupt in that manner. He apologized for conduct which he was sure was exceptional and not at all representative.